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Mission

The mission of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is to regulate the public practice of geology in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from negligent, incompetent, or fraudulent practices.

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As an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is solely funded by applicants and credential holders, and receives no tax dollars.

Code of Professional Conduct

The law and regulations governing the registration of geologists in Kentucky are largely designed to encourage the ethical public practice of geology. However, registration alone does



not ensure ethical practice. We live in a complex world in which no one is immune to being confronted with ethical dilemmas. For this reason nearly half of the administrative regulations are devoted to defining a Code

of Professional Conduct for geologists (201 KAR 31:060). To fully understand the code of conduct we refer you to the regulations. However, in brief, we will feature the elements of the code here. These elements include both prescribed behavior and grounds for disciplinary action.

The Code of Professional Conduct centers on many "shalls." In the public practice of geology, under the categories that follow, registered geologists **shall**:

Public Trust and Welfare

- Protect to the fullest extent possible public health and welfare and public and private property.

Integrity of Professional Practice

- Be guided by the highest standards of ethics, honesty, integrity, personal honor, fairness, and professional conduct.
- Provide professional service only when qualified by training or experience and provide reasonable care when rendering services.
- Distinguish between fact and opinion in all estimates and evaluations, and set forth all assumptions.
- Base professional opinions on empirical knowledge and geologic principles.

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New Director Named - Division of Occupations & Professions

Kristen M. Webb has been named new Director of the Division of Occupations and Professions. She graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Law in 2002. Before attending law school she was employed at the Institute for Justice in Washington, D.C. and interned with Senator Mitch McConnell. Ms. Webb is a 1996 graduate of Centre College where she majored in International Relations. In addition, she brings to her



position a strong accounting background. She is a native of eastern Kentucky and attended Sheldon Clark High School.

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Registration Activity

New Registrants

Jeffrey S. Dingrando -
Kentucky - 12/02/2003
Russell H. Brooks - Kentucky
- 12/02/2003
Christine J. Brand - Kentucky
- 12/02/2003
Vicki J. Brumback - Tennessee
- 12/02/2003
Kenneth W. Kuehn -
Kentucky - 12/02/2003
Michael T. May - Kentucky -
12/02/2003
Craig J. Craig - Kentucky -
12/02/2003
Mark James Krumenacher -
Wisconsin - 12/22/2003

Renewals

Renewal notices were mailed on July 31, 2003. As of March 3, 2004, 1611 renewals were received by the Board. After December 31, 2003, a late renewal fee, including penalty, applies during the 90-day grace period. After the end of that 90-day grace period, the reinstatement fee for registration is \$100.

Results from the October 3, 2003 Exams Fundamentals of Geology

# Took Exam	# Passed
12	5

Practice of Geology

# Took Exam	# Passed
12	7

Board Actions

Board Legal Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

Licensee Disciplinary Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

Calendar

2004 Board Meetings

Next Meeting: April 5, 2004
Usual Meeting Dates: First Mondays of even-numbered months
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Division of Occupations and Professions
911 Leawood Drive
Frankfort, KY 40602

*Note: Dates are subject to change.
Please call the Board Office if you plan to attend.*

Kentucky ASBOG Exams

Application Deadline: August 13, 2004
Exam Date: October 8, 2004

Council on Examiners Workshop
November 3 – 4, 2004
Idaho

ASBOG 2003 Annual Meeting

November 1 – 7, 2004
St. Augustine, Florida

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- Issue true and unexaggerated statements that are not designed to deceive or mislead.
- Sign or seal professional work for which the geologist can attest to its accuracy and adequacy.

Relationship with Employer or Client

- Provide adequate credentials, qualifications when negotiating with prospective employers or clients.
- Protect interests and confidentiality of employer and client, consistent with the law.
- Avoid conflict of interest and disclose (1) transactions for the purpose of securing business, (2) interests in entities providing goods and services, and (3) relevant owned or controlled mineral interests.
- Not accept compensation without furnishing services.
- Give due notice of withdrawal of services unless (1) adequate compensation is not received, (2) continued employment would be illegal, (3) the employer or client are likely engaged in illegal practices, and (4) continued employment would be detrimental to the geologist's health or the health of his or her dependents.

Relationship with Professional Peers

- Give credit for work done by others and refrain from plagiarism.
- Refer employers or clients to other professionals if this best serves their interests.
- Present information in writing to the Board if the geologist has reasonable cause to

ASBOG Task Analysis Survey (TAS)

ASBOG will be mailing its 2005 survey to Member Board registrants later this spring or early summer. Names will be selected at random from each of the Member Board databases. If you receive one of the survey forms, it is essential that you complete it and return it in the envelope provided. We want good representation nationwide and, of course, we want each of our Member Board states to be well represented individually.

A Reminder from Our Board Administrator ...

The Division of Occupations and Professions is unable to legally change mailing addresses in their database based on address corrections provided by the U.S. Postal Service. For addresses to be changed, licensees must send the Board a written, signed change of address request. Requests can be conveniently accomplished by using the annual renewal application, or by using the Change of Address form available on our Web site at <http://occupations.ky.gov/geologists/addrschg.pdf>



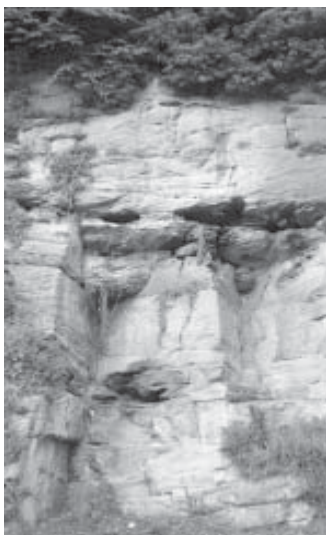
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believe a person is in violation of KRS Chapter 322A and the administrative regulations.

- Provide adequate supervision and training for geologists under his or her supervision.

Grounds for Disciplinary Action

- Violation of KRS Chapter 322A and the code of professional conduct.
- Issuing false or exaggerated statements.
- Defrauding an employer or client.
- Failing to comply with an order of the Board.
- Failing to cooperate with the Board.
- Aiding or abetting an unregistered person in the public practice of geology.
- Failing to provide adequate supervision to persons for whom the geologist is professionally responsible.
- Signing or sealing professional work not prepared under his direct professional control.
- Having a criminal record.
- Engaging in the public practice of geology while declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.



Meet the Board

Robert E. Fox, P.G., P.E.



Robert Fox serves as Public-at-Large Member on the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. Mr. Fox brings to the Board his rich experience both as a geologist and a

generalist in the operation of moderate-size corporations where he has overseen the technical, economic, and governmental aspects of the development of oil and gas operations. During the many years he devoted to international oil and gas exploration, he was instrumental in developing and establishing petroleum provinces in West and North Africa, Pakistan, and the North Sea. In the mid-1950s and early 1960s he was affiliated with Nelson Bunker Hunt and served as General Manager in Libya during which time he delineated the concession area and directed exploration that led to the discovery of the BP/Hunt Serir Oil Fields, among the largest in Africa. With Placid Oil Company (1964 – 1974), he served as Managing Director and CEO in the Netherlands, where his principal success was the L/10 gas field discovery in the Dutch sector of the North Sea, the first commercial gas field to be developed in the Netherlands offshore.

Mr. Fox is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME, the Royal Geological and Mining Society of The Netherlands, and the American Institute of Professional Geologists (President of the Kentucky Chapter, 1991). In addition, he is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and a registered petroleum engineer in Kentucky.

Mr. Fox was raised among the oil and gas fields of West Virginia. He received his undergraduate degree in geology from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, and his master's of science degree in geology from the University of Illinois. He

received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland in 1986, in recognition for his pioneering work in oil and gas exploration and production in the North Sea and his contribution to Heriot-Watt University as a member of the Board of Governors of their Offshore Engineering Institute from 1974 through 1981. Currently Mr. Fox is President of Term Energy Corporation in Lexington, Kentucky, and serves as a consultant to several oil and gas corporations, including Century Exploration Company, Energieversorgung Weser Ems, Oldenburg, Germany, Nelson Bunker Hunt Trust Estate, Dallas, Texas, and Carpenter Oil & Gas, Richmond, Virginia.

He lives in Lexington with his wife, Sue Wylie Fox. His interests include map collecting and skiing.

Review of Practical Geology Workshop

**Sponsored by the
Kentucky Society of
Professional Geologists**

Date: August 2004
(date to be announced)

Sign-In: 8:00 a.m.

Class: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kentucky Geological Survey
Well Sample and Core Library
Research Park Dr., off Iron Works Road
Lexington, Kentucky

Pre-registration Required

Cost: \$125 for professionals
\$45 for students

Send Payment to:

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Review of Practical Geology Workshop

The Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists (www.kspg.org) sponsors a semiannual workshop entitled Review of Practical Geology. The workshop provides (1) a brief technical review of selected topics that are frequently emphasized on professional geology examinations, and (2) an opportunity for self-assessment. The intended audience includes both professionals and students in the field of geology. For additional information about the workshop, contact William “Drew” Andrews at the Kentucky Geological Survey, (859-257-5500 ext. 138 or wandrews@uky.edu).

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